

GENERAL PERMIT FOR LAUNCHING RAMPS

Construction of boat launching ramps is hereby permitted provided the activity is done in accordance with the terms and conditions below.

Exclusions

This general permit cannot be used to authorize work in the following circumstances:

- (a) where the proposed activity will adversely affect wetlands;
- (b) where a portion of the proposed activity is located in a component of the National Wild and Scenic River System, a State Scenic River, or waters designated as Outstanding National Resource Waters;
- (c) when a portion of the proposed activity is located in any waterway which is identified by the Department as having contaminated sediments, and where the proposed work will likely mobilize the contaminants;
- (d) when the project will adversely affect a species formally listed on State or Federal lists of threatened, or endangered species; or
- (e) when an individual permit is required.

Projects not qualifying for authorization by this general permit may be authorized by individual permit provided all requirements of the *Tennessee Water Quality Control Act of 1977* are met.

Notification

- 1) Where construction of a launching ramp is located within water resource development project lands and waters, including flowage easement, managed by the Tennessee Valley Authority or the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, notification to the Division is not required. However, prior to commencement of construction, the applicant must have received any necessary authorizations pursuant to applicable provisions of §10 of *The Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899*, §404 of *The Clean Water Act* and §26a of *The Tennessee Valley Authority Act*.
- 2) Where construction of a launching ramp is not located within water resource development project lands and waters, including flowage easement, managed by the Tennessee Valley Authority or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, persons proposing to construct a launching ramp in waters of the State shall notify the Division by submission of an application which includes the following minimum information:
 - (a) a map showing the exact location of the proposed construction site; and
 - (b) a single copy of construction plans which includes specifications for proposed stream channel alterations and pollution control methods or structures.

Construction shall not commence until the Division issues written notification that the proposal may proceed in accordance with the terms of this general permit or issues an individual permit.

General Terms and Conditions

- 1) The total width, including base fill material, may not exceed 20 feet for the proposed ramp for projects not located within water resource development project lands and waters, including flowage easement, managed by the Tennessee Valley Authority or the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- 2) The ramp shall be constructed in the dry to the maximum extent practicable during winter drawdown periods of lakes/reservoirs or during low flow periods of free flowing streams. If wet construction is necessary, cofferdams shall be utilized.
- 3) The excavation and fill activities associated with the ramp construction shall be kept to a minimum and all excess material shall be hauled to an upland site and properly stabilized to prevent reentry to the waterway.
- 4) Clearing, grubbing and other disturbance to riparian vegetation shall be limited to the minimum necessary for slope construction and equipment operations. Unnecessary vegetation removal is prohibited. All disturbed areas shall be properly stabilized as soon as practicable.

- 5) The use of the ramp must not interfere with the public's right to free navigation on all navigable waters of the United States.
- 6) Ramps constructed on fill shall have the side slopes stabilized with riprap.
- 7) Material may not be placed in such location or manner so as to impair surface water flow into or out of any wetland area.
- 8) The material to be discharged shall be free of contaminants, including toxic pollutants, hazardous substances, waste metal, construction debris, organic materials, etc.
- 9) Soil materials must be prevented from entering waters of the state. Erosion and sedimentation control measures to protect water quality must be maintained throughout the construction period. Erosion and sedimentation controls shall include, but are not limited to straw or hay bales and/or silt fence, brush barriers, berms, sediment ponds and other proven devices. Hay bales and/or silt fence must be installed along the base of all fills and cuts, on the down hill side of stock piled soil, and along stream banks in cleared areas to prevent sedimentation to streams. They must be installed on the contour, entrenched and staked, and extend the width of the area to be cleared. Erosion and sedimentation controls must be repaired, if necessary, after rainfall.
- 10) Instream sedimentation control devices are not approved as primary treatment devices. They may be used only as backup or fail-safe protection. Separate erosion and sedimentation controls and sediment treatment devices must be utilized.
- 11) Appropriate steps shall be taken to ensure that petroleum products or other chemical pollutants are prevented from entering waters of the state. All spills must be reported to the appropriate emergency management agency, and measures shall be taken immediately to prevent the pollution of waters of the state, including groundwater.
- 12) Upon achievement of final grade, all disturbed areas must be stabilized and re-vegetated within 30 days by sodding or seeding and mulching. Seed to be utilized shall include a combination of annual grains and grasses, legumes, and perennial grasses. Lime and fertilizer shall be applied as needed to achieve a vegetative cover.
- 13) Adverse impact to formally listed state or federal threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat, or to cultural, historical, or archeological features or sites is prohibited.

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